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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV

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1. SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 4 CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE' AND JOHN SHIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IEE, USIA, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV. DURING A VERY CORDIAL AND USEFUL MEETING FONMIN EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS ON A BROAD FRONT; UNDERSTANDS US NEED FOR A CONSULAR AGREEMENT; MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF HAVING A TRADE AGREEMENT; ENVISAGES CULTURAL EXCHANGES; AND SAID TIME HAD COME TO END NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF RFE AND LIKE PROPAGANDA. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A), HE HOPES TO SEE DR. KISSINGER DURING THE UNGA MEETING TO DISCUSS MEANS OF BROADENING US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AND ALSO TO EXTEND AN IN-
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VITATION TO VISIT BULGARIA TO HIM. ACTION REQUESTED:

EMBASSY HOPES NY MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED BETWEEN SECRETARY-
DESIGNATE AND MLADENOV. END SUMMARY.

2. DESIRE IMPROVED RELATIONS ON BROAD FRONT: FONMIN EMPHASIZED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT DESIRE SIMPLY TO MOVE FORWARD IN ONE DIRECTION RATHER THEY ENVISAGED PROGRESS IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL RELATIONS, AND, IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO CSCE, IN THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS. WHEN BULGARIA OFFERED TO FORMALIZE THE LATTER CONCEPTS WITH SOME "OCCIDENTAL" COUNTRIES NAMELY FRANCE, GREECE AND TURKEY THESE COUNTRIES REFUSED, MLADENOV SAID. HE RETURNED TWICE TO HIS OVERALL THEME FOR BROADENED RELATIONS WITH WHICH HE OPENED THE MEETING. CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG RESPONDED EFFECTIVELY BY EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT FONMIN ENVISAGES IMPROVEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS.

3. MEETING WITH AND INVITATION TO SECRETARY-DESIGNATE: MLADENOV SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE UNGA AND HOPAB TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE DURING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK AND ASKED THE CHARGE' TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT (REF B). HE ALLUDED TO HIS MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY ROGERS, RECALLED THAT GOB HAD INVITED ROGERS TO VISIT BULGARIA AND SAID HE INTENDED TO RE-EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO DR. KISSINGER.

4. CONSULAR AGREEMENT: IN CONNECTION WITH EXPRESSED INTENTION TO EXTEND INVITATION TO SECRETARY-DESIGNATE, FONMIN BRIEFLY ALLUDED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT A CONSULAR AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED DURING VISIT. HE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THE USG ATTACHES TO CONSULAR AGREEMENTS AND WHY IT INSISTS ON ONE WITH BULGARIA. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE WORKED OUT SOON. CHARGE SAID GOB'S PROPOSALS ON RESOLVING THE OUTSIDING ISSUES HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON WHERE THEY WOULD BE STUDIED BUT OBSERVED THAT AFTER READING THE GOB'S PRO-
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POSALS HER PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT A GOOD DEAL MORE NEGOTIATING WOULD BE NECESSARY. MLADENOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL TO BROADENING RELATIONS.

5. DESIRE FOR TRADE AGREEMENT: MLADENOV REFERRED TO DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LUKANOV'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THE US ADDING THAT BULGARIA HAS HIGH HOPES

FOR CONCRETE EVIDENCE SOON THAT OUR WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO INCREASE TRADE CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. SAID, HE UNDERSTANDS SOME OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED BUT LOOKS FORWARD TO A US-BULGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. IN THE MEANTIME HE URGED THE CONGRESSMAN AND CHARGE' TO ENCOURAGE US BUSINESSMEN TO BECOME INTERESTED IN BULGARIA AND ITS MARKETS. CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG EXPLAINED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PURSUADING AMERICAN BUSINESS TO MOVE INTO FOREIGN MARKETS BUT ASSURED THE MINISTER THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD. CHARGE' POINTED TO VISITS ALREADY RESULTING FROM LUKANOV VISIT AND ADDED THAT THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE BUSINESSMEN TO PROBE THE BULGARIAN MARKET.

6. CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS: THE MOST SURPRISING AND OPTIMISTIC ASPECT OF MEETING WAS MALDENOV'S COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT CULTURAL EXCHANGES MUST BE A PART OF THE WHOLE PROCESS OF BROADENING AND IMPROVING RELATIONS. HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED SHIRLEY'S SUGGESTION THAT CULTURAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WIDELY TO INCLUDE EXCHANGES AND OTHER NOT STRICTLY-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. USING THIS PLATFORM, HE REMINDED THAT BULGARIA LOOKS FORWARD TO INCREASED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

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7. RFE AND VOA: AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION ON CULTURAL RELATIONS, FONMIN SAID HE ALSO WISHED TO EXTEND THE CONVERSATION TO AREA OF INFORMATION. RFE, HE SAID, WAS "REMNANT OF THE COLD WAR" AND ITS CONTINUED BROADCASTS ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE ERA OF DETENTE NOR WITH US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AS BULGARIAN SIDE HOPED THESE WOULD DEVELOP. CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG SAID MANY THINGS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT AND RFE BROADCASTS MAY FALL WITHIN THIS AREA. HE NOTED THERE WAS STILL A GOOD DEAL OF "POLLUTING BEING DONE" ON BOTH SIDES. CHARGE' AND SHIRLEY RESPONDED ALONG USUAL LINE REMARKING INTER ALIA THAT SERIOUS PROBLEMS PERSIST FOR US, AS WELL, IN GENERAL AREA OF INFORMATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, SHIRLEY OBSERVED THAT VOA IS THE OFFICIAL VOICE OF THE USG AND STRESSED THAT THE STATION MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO BE OBJECTIVE AND TO REFRAIN FROM POLEMICS. SHOULD THERE EVER BE OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC VOA BROADCASTS, WE WOULD BES
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LADTO ENTERTAIN THEM, SHIRLEY
ADDED. MLADENOV MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT THUS ENDING THE ONLY ARGUMENTATIVE PORTION OF THE DISCUSSION.

8. SMALL COUNTRY AT THE END OF THE LINE: MLADENOV CONCLUDED HIS OBVIOUSLY WELL PREPARED REMARKS BY SAYING HE REALIZED THAT BULGARIA WAS A SMALL AND UNIMPORTANT COUNTRY SO FAR AS THE US WAS CONCERNED. HE HOPES WE WERE SERIOUS ABOUT BROADENING AND IMPROVING RELATIONS AND THAT THE USG IS WORKING TOWARD THIS GOAL AS IS THE GOB. HE WAS ASSURED WE ARE SERIOUS AND SHARE THESE SAME OBJECTIVES.

9. ATMOSPHERICS: FONMIN WAS CLEARLY MAKING CAREFULLY THOUGHT-OUT PRESENTATION WHICH HE PROBABLY HOPES TO EXPAND ON SHOULD HE SEE THE SECRETARY OR SOME OTHER HIGH RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL DURING THE UNGA SESSION. HE UNDERLINED AND EXPANDED ON THE POSITION TAKEN BY LUKANOV DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, NAMELY THAT BULGARIA IS NOW PREPARED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE US. AFTER THE BALKAN APOLOGY (REF C) WHICH WE RECEIVED AFTER CHAIRMAN ZHIVKOV'S EXTRAORDINARY OUTBURST AT OUR PAVILION AT THE PLOVDIV FAIR, CHARGE'

FELT THE HATCHET SHOULD BE BURIED LOCALLY AND OBSERVED THAT WE WERE PLEASED BY DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV'S RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG'S REMARKS AT OUR RECEPTION AS WELL AS BY THE ATTENDANCE. THE RELIEF WAS OBVIOUS, AND MLADENOV ADDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THE OCCASION HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND ON TV. EXCEPT FOR THE EXCHANGE ON RFE, THE CONVERSATION WAS VERY POSITIVE, INFORMATIVE AND FRIENDLY. ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE EIGHT DEPART-SUBEV AND HIS ASSISTANT LYUDMIL GURKOV.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE THE GOB HAS SHOWN EVIDENCE OF TRYING, DESPITE WHAT SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE TO BE STIFF RESISTANCE FROM PARTY HARDLINERS, TO PULL IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THE EMBASSY HOPES A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE AND MLADENOV SOMETIME DURING THE LATTER'S STAY IN THE US.

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11. OTHER THOUGHTS: OF COURSE, EMBASSY DEFERS TO DEPARTMENT'S JUDGEMENT REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF A VISIT TO BULGARIA BY THE SECRETARY BUT FOR OUR PART WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT IF A GOOD CONSULAR AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED AND READY FOR SIGNATURE DURING THE VISIT. IF A CONSULAR AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AND IF THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT A 1973 VISIT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INVITING DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV OR SOME OTHER HIGH RANKING BULGARIAN OFFICIAL TO THE US FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONIES. THE SECRETARY COULD COME HERE AT A LATER DATE HOPEFULLY TO SIGN A CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IF THERE IS A NEW YORK MEETING WITH MLADENOV WE HOPE THAT SOME OF THE LESS PRESSING PROBLEMS SUCH AS MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR THE STAFF AND POUCH CLEARANCE PROCEDURES ARE RAISED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THESE ISSUES SHOULD SIMPLY FADE AWAY.

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